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SUBJECT: KUWAIT'S NEW CABINET, PENDING ELECTIONS

1. In order to run in the National Assembly elections scheduled for July 5, four members of the Cabinet have resigned, as required by the Constitution: Talal al-Ayyar (Electricity and Water, Social Affairs and Labor), Fahd Dhaisan al-Mai al-Azmi (Public Works, Housing), Ahmed Baqer (Justice, Awqaf and Islamic Affairs), and Salah Khorsheed (Commerce and Industry).

2. The Constitution also requires the Cabinet to include at least one elected member of the National Assembly. To meet this requirement, MP Rashed al-Hjailan, who is not running for reelection, has been appointed to the Cabinet. All these changes took effect June 3.

3. The new Cabinet will be short-lived, because the National Assembly elections are sure to trigger a reshuffle. For the record, it is composed as follows, in protocol order:

Crown Prince Shaykh Saad al-Abdullah al-Salem al-Sabah,
Prime Minister (no change)

Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime
Minister/Foreign Minister (no change)

Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah
Deputy Prime Minister/Defense Minister (no change)

Sheikh Mohammed Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah
Deputy Prime Minister/Interior Minister (no change)

Mohammed Dhaifallah Sharar
Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister of State for Cabinet
Affairs/Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs/
Minister of State for Housing Affairs

Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah
Minister of Communications/Minister of Commerce and
Industry/ Minister of Public Works

Sheikh Ahmad Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah
Minister of Information/Acting Oil Minister/Minister of
Social Affairs and Labor

Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Al-Jarallah
Minister of Health/Minister of Justice

Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs/Acting Minister of
Finance and Minister of Planning (no change)

Dr. Musaed Rashed Al-Haroun
Minister of Education and Higher Education/Acting Minister
of State for Administrative Development Affairs/Minister of
Awqaf and Islamic Affairs

Rashed Saif Al-Hjailan
Minister of Electricity and Water

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